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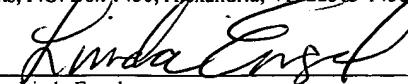
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: UENISHI et al. Examiner: Hien Thi Tran
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Title: CATALYTIC CONVERTER FOR CLEANING EXHAUST GAS
Customer No. 23552

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 22, 2003, said period of response being extended from March 22, 2004 to April 22, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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